



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2011

TO: Commission Stakeholders

FROM: Beth Graybill, Interim Executive Director

RE: Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel

The Commission is committed to the important work envisaged for the Teacher Preparation Advisory Panel (TAP). The TAP panel is charged with looking across the spectrum of the Learning to Teach Continuum and making recommendations for updating, streamlining, and advancing the Continuum to address significant changes in the field that have occurred since the SB 2042 Teacher Preparation Program standards were developed and adopted in 2002.

Applications for this panel were due on August 9, 2011 in preparation for the intended first panel meeting in late September, 2011. Recently, however, circumstances require that the meetings of this panel be delayed until January, 2012. The Commission's budget constraints along with the reduction in staff due to vacancies and/or retirements make it prudent to postpone the start of the panel's work.

Given these circumstances, applications for membership on the panel will continue to be accepted until October 3, 2011. This will allow potential panel members who are now starting the school year and may not have had known about the panel over the summer to have an extended opportunity to apply. Applications that were received by the original deadline of August 9, 2011, will be retained for consideration and those individuals do not need to reapply. Once the panel has been selected, staff will work with panel members to identify additional meeting dates beyond those indicated in the application materials.

Panel application materials may be accessed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TAPApplication>.